GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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STARVATION DEATHS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases of deaths due to starvation have been reported from various States during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to provide foodgrains to the affected families in the country in order to check the recurrence of such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No incident of starvation death has been reported by any State/Union Territory so far.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): To ensure food security to all, the Targeted Public Distribution System is being implemented all over the country through 4,89,000 Fair Price Shops. Additionally, foodgrains are provided free of cost under relief works like Special Component of Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana, National Food for Work Programme and Annapurna Yojana.

A Central scheme for establishing Village Grain Banks for Antyodaya and BPL families in food scarce areas, is also under implementation in many States. Such families can get foodgrains on loan basis from the Village Grain Banks established in their areas.